



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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DATE: November 1, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of APNs 4440-008-900, 4440-010-900 through 905, 4440-011-901, 4440-011-903, 4440-012-900, 4440-013-900, 4440-013-903 and 904, 4440-014-900, 4440-016-901, 4440-017-903, 4440-027-900, 4440-028-900, 4441-012-900, 4441-014-900, 4441-015-901, 4441-016-901, 4441-009-900 through 902, 4442-006-900, 4442-006-901, 4442-007-900, 4442-007-901, 4442-008-901, 4442-008-902, 4442-008-904 and 905, 4442-009-900, 4442-019-900, 4442-020-900, 4442-021-900, 4442-026-900 and 901, 4442-027-900, 4442-028-900 and 901, 4442-029-900 through 902, 4442-030-901, 902 and 904, 4442-031-903 and 904, 4442-032-900 and 901, in the Topanga area of unincorporated Los Angeles County, and APNs 4465-003-900 and 901, 4467-002-901, 4471-014-901, 902 and 904 and 4471-016-901 adjacent to Kanan Dume Road north of the City of Malibu in unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 4440-008-900, 4440-010-900 through 905, 4440-011-901, 4440-011-903, 4440-012-900, 4440-013-900, 4440-013-903 and 904, 4440-014-900, 4440-016-901, 4440-017-903, 4440-027-900, 4440-028-900, 4441-012-900, 4441-014-900, 4441-015-901, 4441-016-901, 4441-009-900 through 902, 4442-006-900, 4442-006-901, 4442-007-900, 4442-007-901, 4442-008-901, 4442-008-902, 4442-008-904 and 905, 4442-009-900, 4442-019-900, 4442-020-900, 4442-021-900, 4442-026-900 and 901, 4442-027-900, 4442-028-900 and 901, 4442-029-900 through 902, 4442-030-901, 902 and 904, 4442-031-903 and 904, 4442-032-900 and 901, in the Topanga area of unincorporated Los Angeles County, and APNs 4465-003-900 and 901, 4467-002-901, 4471-014-901, 902 and 904 and 4471-016-901 adjacent to Kanan Dume Road north of the City of Malibu in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: These parcels have been the subject of discussion between staff and the County of Los Angeles for some time. After considering several different scenarios, County officials have offered to sell these 59 parcels as part of a single transaction. It is intended that acceptance of this resolution will supercede any and all previous board actions that may address these parcels.

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The parcels in question are currently owned by the County and undeveloped and comprise a total of approximately 127 acres. Staff and County officials have identified these parcels as particularly important for habitat preservation, wildlife corridor connectivity and watershed view shed protection. Many of the Topanga area parcels are adjacent to Topanga State Park and will provide useful habitat linkages thereto.

The parcels on Kanan Dume Road are equally important for their habitat value, but will provide the additional benefit of allowing public access to the proposed alignment of the Coastal Slope Trail which will lead to Ramirez Canyon Park.

Planning staff has previously evaluated the potential brushing responsibility on these parcels and has determined that it is minimal.

MRCA staff is currently working with County officials to obtain legal descriptions and to finalize the terms of the purchase agreement.

Please see attached maps for location.